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## 1 — Access to Animas River closed after Gold King Mine spills toxic metals into water, Farmington (NM) Daily Times, 8/7/2015

http://www.daily-times.com/four\_corners-news/ci\_28601678/officials-declare-state-emergency-close-animas-river-san

San Juan County Executive Officer Kim Carpenter declared a state of emergency Friday night and closed access to the Animas River throughout the county.

## 2 — Navajo Nation, San Juan County officials continue to handle toxic waste plume, Farmington (NM) Daily Times, 8/9/2015

http://www.daily-times.com/four\_corners-news/ci\_28613676/navajo-nation-san-juan-county-officials-continue-handle

Officials with the Navajo Nation, San Juan County and the state of New Mexico are trying to

keep residents informed about the Animas River after an estimated 3 million gallons of contaminated water was released from the Gold King Mine north of Silverton, Colo.

## 3 – Navajos plan to sue EPA over river cleanup, Albuquerque Journal, 8/10/2015

http://www.abgjournal.com/625960

The president of the Navajo Nation said Sunday that he intends to sue for "every dollar it spends cleaning up this mess" after Environmental Protection Agency employees accidentally released at least 3 million gallons of wastewater, including potentially harmful metals, into a river that breached the sovereign nation's borders this weekend.

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